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Subject: R6 Daily Ops Report - 5/3-5/14/18 - One Significant Event - Flow Chem Facility Explosion/Fire in Rayne, LA

R6 Daily Ops Status Report

Current Status (7:25 AM CDT on 5/4/2018)

Personnel

R1:	Fife	Outposted OSC's	
R2:	Guidry	Houston, TX/Zehner	Unavailable
R3:	McAteer		
Tel Duty:	Baxter		

Available OSC's:

A Adams	Baxter	Bernier
Brescia	E Delgado	Fife
Guidry	Hayes	Martin
Mason	McAteer	Moore
P Adams	P Delgado	Rhotenberry

Unavailable OSC's:

Enders

Reported Activities (5/3/2018 8:00:00 AM CDT - 5/4/2018 7:25:00 AM CDT)

Spill Notifications

State	Oil	Haz	Rad	Other	
AR	0	0	0	0	
LA	2	2	0	1	
NM	0	0	0	0	
OK	1	0	0	0	
TX	6	2	1	1	
Total	9	4	1	2	= 16

Significant Events

Date: 2018/05/03 **Time:** 23:20 **Type:** Emergency Response
Location: Rayne, LA

Description: At 1940 on 5/3/18, the EPA Region 6 Phone Duty Officer was notified of an explosion and fire at the Flow Chem Technologies LLC chemical blending and storage facility via a FEMA Region 6 Watch Spot Report. There was no notification made to the National Response Center, and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) received notification around 1630 on Thursday. Louisiana State Police set up an evacuation zone of 5 miles and shutdown traffic on Highway I-10 in both directions. Follow up with LDEQ revealed that state emergency responders performed community air monitoring that registered non-detects for volatile organic compounds within the evacuated zone. According to Acadia Parish Sheriff, there are no reported injuries from the explosion or fire at this time. The fire was controlled around 2000 hours Thursday evening and the fire water was contained within drainage ditches surrounding the facility and the local fire department created additional berms, but the amount of water is threatening the integrity of these berms. OMI Environmental Solutions has been hired as the clean-up contractor and is on-

scene. Vacuum trucks are in route, but are delayed due to the highway I-10 closure. OSC Guidry and START contractors will arrive Friday morning to assess the situation and provide assistance to LDEQ.

Date: 2018/05/04

Time: 07:23

Type: Emergency Response

Location: Navasota, TX

Description: The response continues as the typical mercury cleanup with the removal of clothing and household items, the flooring, and contaminated structures within the house. Although the original estimate that the spill involved 2 ounces, more than 2 ounces were picked up with Merc-Vac near the spill area. In addition to the routine items, the soil diaper was recovered with visible Mercury in the stool and diaper.

The TCEQ has delivered a roll off box for the transport of the Mercury contaminated waste that TCEQ will arrange and pay for disposal.

Field Operations

No Ops Log entries for this reporting period

Exercises

No exercises for this reporting period